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WHO VISITED THE U.S. OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1975

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE FIRST ARTICLES BY DR. WINKLER, WHO VISITED THE UNITED STATES IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER OF 1975 AND RECEIVED PROGRAMMING ASSISTANCE FROM USIA AND STATE AT THE REQUEST OF THE EMBASSY, ARE BEGINNING TO APPEAR. WHILE THEY FREQUENTLY CITE AMERICAN SOURCES AND ESPOUSE "SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM," THE FALL SUBSTANTIALLY SHORT OF THE GOAL OF "OVERCOMING THIRTY YEARS OF COLD WAR REPORTING" HERALDED BY WINKLER AND GDR AMBASSADOR SIEBER IN THEIR MEETINGS WITH U.S. OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY:

2. THE FIRST ARTICLE APPEAR IN "HORIZONT", WINKLER'S OWN PUBLICATION. IN A RECENT ISSUE (NO 51) , UNDER THE TITLE; "BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND SAN FRANCISCO; SUBTITLE: TRAVEL NOTES BY DR. HEINER WINKLER; HEADLINE: "SILVER LINING?", THE EDITORS ANNOUNCE THE BEGINNING OF A SERIES OF ARTICLES, IN WHICH THEIR DEPUTY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, DR. HEINER WINKLER, WILL REPORT OF A SEVERAL WEEK TRIP THROUGH THE USA.

3. THE ARTICLE REVOLVES AROUND A DISCUSSION WINKLER HAD WITH VICTOR PERLO, "RENOWNED AMERICAN ECONOMIC EXPERT. COR-
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RESPONDING MEMBER OF THE GDR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, AND MEMBER

OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CPUSA." WINKLER BEGINS BY STATING THAT THE ECONOMIC CRISIS EFFECTS FAR MORE THAN THE "13 PLUS MILLION UNEMPLOYED." HE THEN CITES EXAMPLES OF AMERICANS HE MET AND QUOTES THEM, INCLUDING "DEBT-RIDDEN ILLINOIS FARMER, AN UNEMPLOYED COLORADO CHEMICAL ENGINEER, AND UNEMPLOYED CHRYSLER AUTO WORKER, AND A NEW YORK CITY TAXI DRIVER."

4. THE BULK OF THE ARTICLE CONSISTS OF PERLO'S ANALYSIS, WHICH WINKLER CONTRASTS WITH THAT OF FORMER PRESIDENTIAL ECONOMIC ADVISOR, WALTER HELLER, WHO IS STATED TO HAVE BEEN WRONG ABOUT "HIS OPTIMISTIC PROCLAMATION IN THE SIXTIES OF RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF CYCLICAL CRISES IN THE CAPITALIST ECONOMY." PERLO'S CONCLUSION IS THAT "THE SILVER LINING ON THE ECONOMIC HORIZON OF THE USA SHOULD NOT BE OVERESTIMATED" AND THAT RECOVERY WILL BE A "LONG, DIFFICULT AND COMPLICATED PROCESS" IN WHICH "DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONFLICT AND THE CLASS STRUGGLE WILL BE SHARPENED." HE CITES "INFLATION DUE TO MONOPOLY PRICING POLICY, HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT, CYCLICAL OVERPRODUCTION, AND COMPETITION FROM OVERSEAS PRODUCTION BY MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS," AS FACTORS COMPLICATING THE RECOVERY. AS A RESULT OF THESE PROBLEMS, VICTOR PERLO SEES AS THE "SILVER LINING", THE FACT THAT THE "ADVANTAGES OF SOCIALISM WILL BECOME CLEARER."

5. A SECOND ARTICLE APPEARS IN THE JANUARY 7, 1976 ISSUE OF THE "BERLINERZEITUNG." THE ARTICLE IS ENTITLED: "DR. HEINER WINKLER- WORLD ECONOMY - FACTS AND TENDENCIES; HEADLINE: USA: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE...; SUBHEADLINE: CONFUSING PICTURE OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION AT THE YEAR END."

6. THE ARTICLE CONSISTS OF A CRITIQUE OF AN ARTICLE IN "A GLANCE AT THE ECONOMY" (BLICK DURCH DIE WIRTSCHAFT), PUBLISHED BY THE "FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG," WHICH STATES THAT THE BASIC DIRECTION OF THE U.S. ECONOMY IS TOWARD A HEALTHY EXPANSION. WINKLER CONTESTS THIS CLAIM, STATING THAT "THE OVERPRODUCTION CRISIS OF 1974-75 IS THE MOST SEVERE ECONOMIC CRISIS SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION OF THE THIRTIES." HE FURTHER STATES THAT "ALL ANALYSTS OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY ARE UNANIMOUS IN THE PROGNOSIS THAT NO SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT WILL TAKE PLACE DUE TO A PROCESS OF RATIONALIZATION IN AMERICAN INDUSTRY WHEREBY THE UNEMPLOYED WORKER IS REPLACED BY MACHINES ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PRODUCTION LINE." AS UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INCREASINGLY RUNS OUT, WINKLER ADDS, THE PUBLIC PURCHASING POWER DIMINISHES, THUS ACCENTUATING THE CRISIS. WINKLER CONCLUDES THE ARTICLE BY QUOTING VICTOR PERLO ALONG THE LINES STATED IN HIS FIRST ARTICLE IN "HORIZONT".

7. THE EMBASSY PRESS AND CULTURAL SECTION HAS SENT DR. WINKLER THE RECENT WIRELESS FILE ITEMS ON THE U.S. ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR

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